

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1748

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mark and Louise Allen for their instrumental work in returning Dr. Naismith's original rules of basketball back to Kansas.

WHEREAS, Dr. James Naismith, inventor of the sport of basketball and a legendary member of the University of Kansas basketball community, wrote the original 13 rules of basketball in 1891; and

WHEREAS, Those rules were written down by Dr. Naismith himself and have been preserved throughout the years in the ownership of the Naismith International Basketball Foundation. In 2010, those original documents became available for auction at Sotheby's, an auction house in New York; and

WHEREAS, These rules are a representation of the tradition-rich basketball community at the University of Kansas. Mark Allen, the grandson of former KU basketball coach Phog Allen, and his wife, Louise, thought the original rules deserved to be back where basketball began, the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Mark and Louise Allen coordinated with David Booth to purchase these rules from Sotheby's at a price of \$4.3 million, setting a new record price for the purchase of sports memorabilia. Mark Allen did a lot of research to ensure the documents were authentic and to bring them back to Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The University of Kansas plans to build a new building near the famous Allen Fieldhouse to house Naismith's original rules of basketball. KU chancellor, Bernadette Gray-Little, expressed gratitude for the efforts of Allen and Booth. President of the KU Endowment, Dale Seuferling, said, "On behalf of all Jayhawk fans, we thank him for his generosity": Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we sincerely thank Mark and Louise Allen for their work to bring this piece of history back to Kansas. The Naismith original rules of basketball will be on display for all Kansans to visit, and we thank Mark and Louise Allen for the efforts they made to make that a reality; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide one enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Wolf.

Senate Resolution No. 1748 was sponsored by Senators Kay Wolf and Marci Francisco.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.